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Prices were unchanged in New York. In Chicago, prices were higher on mediums and unchanged on the remaining sizes. Elsewhere, prices were higher on all weights. The market tone was fully steady to firm beginning the week. Demand continued in a full range of light to good, best where features were a factor. Supplies were sufficient to well balanced for the larger sizes while the lighter weighted eggs were closely balanced to very tight for current needs. Breaking stock supplies were adequate to occasionally short for the moderate to good demand. Light type hens were at least adequate to fully adequate for normal to less than normal slaughter schedules.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were 1 cent higher on medium. Midwest prices were higher for all sizes. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Retail demand was moderate to good. Food service movement was slow to moderate. Supplies were well balanced to close for the larger sizes and remained very tight for medium and small. Central States nest run breaking stock prices ranged higher with all other prices unchanged. Offerings were tight to short with current demand fairly good to good. Schedules adjusted according to incoming shipments of heavy nest runs. Floor stocks balanced to very close. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	86-95	89-92
LARGE	85-93	86-91
MEDIUM	80-88	83-85

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS

	RANGE
LARGE	67-71
MEDIUM	63-66
SMALL	39-43

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices on medium and large were higher and unchanged to higher on extra large when compared to previous week prices. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Retail and distributive demand ranged moderate to fairly good. Supplies on lighter weight eggs were reported as tight to close balance and heavier weight eggs were usually sufficient for need. Breaking stock offerings were adequate for the moderate to good demand. Light type hens were at least adequate to fully adequate for normal to less than normal slaughter schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	89-103	92-96
LARGE	85-100	90-94
MEDIUM	78-93	83-86

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were mostly higher for all sizes. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm. Retail demand was moderate to fairly good. Food service movement was light to moderate. Supplies were well balanced to close for the larger sizes and remained very tight for medium and small.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	91.5-100	93-95
LARGE	89.5-98	94-97
MEDIUM	83.5-90	86-88

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were sharply higher on all sizes when compared to previous week's pricing. The market tone was fully steady to firm beginning the week. Demand was light to good, best where features were planned or in progress. Supplies were closely balanced to tight. Breaking stock demand was moderate to good for adequate offerings. Spent hen offerings were at least adequate to fully adequate for normal to reduced processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	89-97	91-94
LARGE	87-95	89-92
MEDIUM	72.25-89	82-86

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged on all sizes entering the week. The market tone was fully steady. Demand as moderate to good. Supplies were generally sufficient to tight for trade needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	99-103
LARGE	97-101
MEDIUM	91-95

CHICAGO Prices for extra large and large unchanged, mediums advanced 1 cent. The market tone was fully steady. Retail and food service demand was moderate to good, best where features are a factor. Supplies mixed larger sizes balanced, lighter weights tight.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	91-97
LARGE	90-95
MEDIUM	86-93

WESTERN Prices unchanged on jumbo and extra large, 3 cents higher on large, and 8 cents higher on medium throughout the region. The Pacific region inventory was 4% higher than last week with California down 2% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 14%. Retailer demand mainly moderate. Offerings adequate.

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged on jumbo and extra large, 3 cents higher on large, and 8 cents higher on medium and small. The California inventory was 2% lower than last week. Retailer demand slow by stores affected by the retail clerks strike, good by unstruck stores in the south, generally moderate in the north. Offerings adequate. Small benchmark price 96. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen 88-179, large 18 pack 199, buy 1 get 1 free.

California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	135
EXTRA LARGE	133
LARGE	124
MEDIUM	116

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RANGE	NORTHERN CALIFORNIA RANGE
JUMBO	269-339	JUMBO 279-349
EXTRA LARGE	269-329	EXTRA LARGE 269-329
LARGE	229-249	LARGE 239-289
MEDIUM	199-229	MEDIUM 199-229

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending October 24, 2003 will decrease by 6 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending October 17, 2003 were 245,038 cases which was 3 percent above the prior week and 5 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	201,295	43,743	245,038

% change from the prior week.....	+1	+15	+3

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 15 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Nest run breaking stock prices ranged higher with all other values unchanged. Offerings were tight to short with current demand fairly good to good. Schedules adjusted according to incoming shipments of heavy nest runs. Floor stocks balanced to very close. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm. PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	79-83	80-81
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	64-70	66
CENTRAL STATES AREA:		
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to moderate for the mostly adequate to at least adequate offerings. Supplies of finished product was clearing satisfactorily and was sufficient for current trade needs. Processing schedules were reduced in some instances. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*

FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 20-OCT-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-9 CENTS/LB.	8.25-8.5	8.33

AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT
FOB PLANT TOO FEW TO REPORT

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were unchanged to lower compared to the past week. Demand was only fair for adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were moderate. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*

FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 20-OCT-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5.5-11 CENTS/LB.	8-9	8.46

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CANADIAN EGGS MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 06, 2003

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	197.2	194.1	185.1	114.6

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING OCTOBER 06, 2003 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	151	151	141	77

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-OCT 20, 2003

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		No	So	So	5-Area	
	Northeast	Cent	Cent	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	12.8	17.9	8.5	14.0	11.6 64.8
	Change	2.2	0.2	-2.3	0.8	1.1 3%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	25.1	56.3	15.9	18.2	35.7 151.2
	Change	1.2	-1.2	4.4	-7.3	-0.6 -2%
Large	Curr Wk	51.3	98.3	88.3	77.2	119.7 434.8
	Change	0.0	-8.4	2.2	-12.0	11.9 -1%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.6	50.5	17.0	18.0	28.6 126.7
	Change	2.9	9.1	4.2	1.8	-0.7 16%
Small	Curr Wk	4.8	5.6	4.1	5.9	2.0 22.4
	Change	-2.3	-1.6	1.2	1.0	-3.1 -18%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.0	16.2	7.0	9.0	5.9 43.1
	Change	0.8	-5.4	-1.1	-1.7	0.8 -13%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	18.0	24.9	17.9	25.8	30.9 117.5
	Change	-6.7	-2.9	2.9	7.9	-0.6 1%
Total	Curr Wk	129.6	269.7	158.7	168.1	234.4 960.5
Percent	Change	-1%	-4%	8%	-5%	4% 0%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	960.5	0%	171 **
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	236.0	-1%	36 **
Total Shell Egg	1196.5	0%	207

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 171 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

*No adjustment to previous week necessary

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

MONTHLY COLD STORAGE REPORT

(In Units of 1,000)

	31-Aug 2002	31-Aug 2003	30-Sep 2002	30-Sep 2003
FROZEN EGGS:				
Whites	2,192	2,680	1,719	2,657
Yolks	923	1,006	865	1,041
Whole & Mixed	6,528	11,195	7,037	10,349
Unclassified	3,535	3,163	3,577	2,714
Total Frozen Eggs	13,178	18,044	13,198	16,761

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR OCTOBER 17, 2003

CURRENT LOADS								8.00	FUTURE LOADS								20.00	TOTAL LOADS								28.00
		SE		NE		MW		LOADS			SC		NW		SW		LOADS									
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST											
GNR W 1	—	—	77.50	79.00	—	—	1.00		GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	91.50	1.00									
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00		GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	85.00	86.00	2.00									
GL W XL	—	—	85.00	87.25	84.50	—	5.50		GL W SM	57.00	61.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00									
GL W LG	—	—	—	86.00	81.50	—	5.25																			
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.25																			
GL W SM	—	—	54.50	56.00	—	—	3.00																			
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	9.00																			

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 10/13/03-10/17/03

CURRENT LOADS 41.00								FUTURE LOADS 72.00								TOTAL LOADS 113.00							
		SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		MW		LOADS							
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	—	84.00	76.42	77.11	—	—	11.00	GL W J	—	—	—	92.00	—	92.00	2.00	GL W J	—	—	—	92.00	—	92.00	2.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	80.00	82.50	1.00	GL W XL	—	84.00	—	—	—	93.05	6.75	GL W XL	—	84.00	—	—	—	93.05	6.75
GNR W 3	—	55.00	53.00	—	—	—	3.00	GL W LG	—	83.56	—	—	—	90.35	17.50	GL W LG	—	83.56	—	—	—	90.35	17.50
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	79.00	—	—	1.00	GL W MD	—	71.00	—	—	85.00	81.65	11.00	GL W MD	—	71.00	—	—	85.00	81.65	11.00
GL W J	—	—	87.00	88.00	81.00	—	3.00	GL W SM	57.00	61.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W SM	57.00	61.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W XL	—	80.00	83.00	83.90	83.53	80.00	38.50																
GL W LG	—	83.07	77.38	81.53	81.18	—	31.00																
GL W MD	—	—	72.25	75.00	71.00	73.00	16.25																
GL W SM	—	—	52.25	54.00	50.00	53.50	4.75																
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	82.00	1.50																
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	80.00	21.00																
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00																
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	69.00	1.00																

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	10/13/03	10/06/03	10/14/02
PACIFIC COAST	133	132	379
LOS ANGELES	74	74	292

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	108.35
LARGE	106.35
MEDIUM	100.35
SMALL	75.00

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS

Receipts from the mainland:	10/05/03-10/11/03
30-dozen case	7,379
Receipts from the mainland:	09/28/03-10/04/03
30-dozen case	7,664

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OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION

Report Date: 10/14/2003

Report Period: 10/05/2003 - 10/11/2003

	Number Cases Shipped to	Number Cases Shipped to	Number Cases shipped to	Total State
State	Northern California	Central California	Southern California	
Arizona	0	0	3,098	3,098
Colorado	0	0	4,100	4,100
Florida	0	0	780	780
Georgia	0	0	780	780
Iowa	6,241	3,844	35,028	45,113
Maine	0	0	960	960
Michigan	0	0	958	958
Minnesota	3,060	740	8,813	12,613
Missouri	0	0	1,519	1,519
Nevada	0	0	820	820
North Carolina	0	0	2,310	2,310
Ohio	0	0	2,458	2,458
Oregon	1,442	8	0	1,450
South Dakota	768	0	0	768
Texas	0	0	666	666
Utah	903	0	7,378	8,281
Washington	0	360	588	948
TOTAL	12,414	4,952	70,256	87,622
SHIPPED TO MILITARY	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY	12,414	4,952	70,256	87,622